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DRAFT MINUTES BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

Fort Bragg, CA

June 7, 2007

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
David Nawi
Jim Ostrowski
Pam Giacomini
Doug Piirto
Tom Walz
Lloyd Bradshaw
Gary Nakamura

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Saito

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Teri Ashby, Staff Counsel
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator
Carol Horn, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ruben Grijalva, Director
Crawford Tuttle, Chief Deputy Director
Ken Mclean, Deputy Director, Fire Protection
Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Resource Management
Russ Henly, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource

Management

Doug Wickizer, Staff Chief, Resource Management
Dennis Hall, Staff Chief, Resource Management

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the June meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order in Fort Bragg, California.

2. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dixon announced that there would be no Executive Session.

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

N/A

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No Executive Session was held.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2007

06-07-05: Member Ostrowski moved to approve the May Board Minutes. Member Piirto seconded the motion. Member Giacomini abstained from voting because she did not attend the May Board Meeting. Motion passed with seven in favor and one abstention.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Dixon said the Board enjoyed an excellent field trip yesterday in Fort Bragg. The Board viewed Pudding Creek, Little Valley West THP, South Fork Crossing, Big Cat Crossing, Big Cat THP Active Operations, infrastructure improvements, and fish passage considerations.

7. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR/DEPARTMENT

Director Grijalva reported on the status and preparation for fire season. In the south they have year-round staffing. Chief Grijalva said Southern California had experienced a couple of early, large fires. Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order to increase staffing. Director Grijalva said the Governor increased CAL FIRE's budget by 21% since taking office. In each of the last three years, the Governor's budget had allocated \$17 million per year more for emergency fire equipment. CAL FIRE had 125 engines past their serviceable life, 60 were replaced last year, and the State fleet should be replaced within two years. The Department met with contract counties regarding fire season preparation. Chief Grijalva said the CAL FIRE Aviation Program was the best firefighting operation in the world. A recently signed Executive Order from the Governor allowed for the deployment of a contracted DC-10 Supertanker on large fires on an immediate on-call basis beginning June 15. The DC-10 is capable of dropping 12,000 gallons of water or retardant on large fires compared to the 1,200 gallon capability of the CAL FIRE S-2T airtankers. CAL FIRE's air fleet can provide a 20-minute response time anywhere in the state. All aviation maintenance had been completed, and pilots have been trained. Chief Grijalva said readiness training had been conducted for all CAL FIRE inmate fire crews and wards, and they were ready to

respond to fires. CAL FIRE is bringing on two additional personnel per unit (42 persons) to perform defensible space fire prevention inspections. Chief Grijalva said they will have new fire hazard severity maps soon. Chief Grijalva said there was much media surrounding the Esperanza Fire report. CAL FIRE was sending the message to take into consideration the threat before sending in personnel on a fire, no structure is worth a firefighters life. Chief Grijalva said CAL FIRE was prepared for fire season.

Mr. Ken McLean, Deputy Director for Fire Protection, said the Succession Plan was commissioned to look at the way the Department was headed, as the number of retirements increase. Chief McLean said the Succession Plan Committee developed a Mission Statement for the Department. A copy of the Mission Statement was included in the Board Binder. Chief Grijalva said the Department would be happy to take into consideration any comments or suggestions Board members had. An annotated version of the Mission Statement would be on the Department's website.

Member Piirto said he would like to see State Forests addressed in the Mission Statement.

8. REPORT OF BOARD'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

California Oak Mortality Task Force

Mr. Mark Stanley gave an update on the California Oak Mortality Task Force. A copy of the update was contained in Board binder. The California Oak Mortality Task Force would like to make a presentation on Forest Health Work Plan proposal at next month's Committee Meeting and then before the full Board the following month.

Range Management Advisory Committee

No report was made. Executive Officer Gentry said RMAC would like to make a presentation to the full Board next month on RMAC issues.

Forest Pest Council

Mr. Scott Johnson, Chairman of the Forest Pest Council, gave a general overview of the Forest Pest Council for the new Board Members. The Forest Pest Council had one field session this year and will have another in July. The Forest Pest Council will hold their annual meeting this fall in Woodland, California. The Forest Pest Council would like the Board to address invasive species, and Mr. Johnson said they would look forward to working with the Board on the issue.

Mr. Greg Guisti, Chair of Animal Damage Committee, said they toured sites in the Big Sur area. Mr. Guisti said the tours were very helpful because many experts and organizations had an opportunity to spend a day together understanding the role of management in trying to control exotic species.

Monitoring Study Group

A copy of the MSG update was contained in the Board Binder. The next meeting of the MSG will be held in Redding on July 24 in Redding. Executive Officer Gentry said he was tentatively planning a field MSG meeting to the Kings River Experimental Watershed study area in the southern Sierra in early-September.

Professional Foresters Examining Committee

Mr. Eric Huff, Executive Officer for Forester's Licensing, noted the passing of the following RPFs:

Mr. Guy Hall, RPF 529

Mr. Robert Louis Maben, RPF 119

Mr. Timothy Manly, RPF 2277

Mr. Robert MacDougall, Jr., RPF 89

The following RPFs have requested Withdrawal of their license to practice forestry in California:

Mr. Steve Dunlap, RPF 2149

Mr. Andrew Morse, RPF 2799

Mr. Frank Goddard, RPF 1777

Mr. Dan Anderson, RPF 1745

The following RPFs have requested license Reinstatement from Withdrawal Status per 14 CCR subsection 1608(d)

Mr. Rob Crummett, RPF 2584

Mr. Ivars Steinblums, RPF 1852

Mr. Miles T. Crail, RPF 1748

Mr. Lawrence Gonzales, RPF 1819

Mr. Peter Mastenbroek, RPF 2124

Mr. Robert Lindsay, RPF 1202

Mr. David Adams, RPF 2081

Mr. Michael Hicks, RPF 1850

The following RPFs have requested Voluntary Relinquishment of their licenses to practice forestry in California:

Mr. Robert W. Cermak, RPF 1086

Mr. Gary L. Buzzini, RPF 1086

Mr. Sherman Fince, RPF 190

Mr. Leonard E. Theiss, RPF 218

Mr. Gerald L. Eoff, RPF 1278

Mr. Robin Finch, RPF 260

Mr. Dave Adams, RPF 2081

Mr. Richard Harrell, RPF 1227

06-07-08: Member Nawi made a motion to approve the Withdrawals, Reinstatement, and Voluntary Relinquishments of the above RPFs. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Huff said the PFEC will meet in Sacramento on July 21. Mr. Huff said 33 applicants took the RPF exam in April. Graders were working on the exam, and Mr. Huff will report the exam results at the July Board meeting.

9. REPORT OF THE USFS.

Deputy Regional Forester, Jim Pena, gave an update on the U. S. Forest Service's 2007 fire season outlook. The 2007 fire season appears to be a difficult season. The Forest Service will continue to focus on strategies to help the USFS reduce their costs and become more efficient. Mr. Pena said all aircraft that involve Type 1 Crews (Hot Shots) would be considered national crews, which would allow the USFS to bring in more assets when needed. The USFS will continue to support airbases in California.

The USFS has 271 engines, 19 helicopters, and 5 National Management Teams. Mr. Pena said the USFS are challenged with staffing, and their resources are slightly down, but they feel they will be able to accomplish their mission this year. Mr. Pena said the USFS registered with the State Carbon Registry.

Chairman Dixon noted that the Board was the State's liaison with federal agencies

Mr. Garland Mason, Deputy Director, USFS, Pacific Southwest Research Station, said the Forest Service was fully engaged across the Region in research areas, climate change, and carbon.

Member Nawi asked the USFS to be involved with the Board, CAL FIRE, and Air Resources Board on carbon sequestration.

10. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY.

Dr. William Stewart, UC College of Natural Resources, made a presentation to the Board on Climate Change and Forestry. A copy of Dr. Stewart's PowerPoint presentation was contained in the Board Binder. Dr. Stewart said they were working with the Air Resources Board to identify strategies.

Member Nawi asked if prescribed burning had any factors that should be considered.

Dr. Stewart said fuels management and prescribed burning were a big issue with climate change and forestry.

Member Nakamura asked what CDF was presently doing in bringing these issues to the Air Resources Board. Mr. Nakamura said the Board needed more staffing.

Chief Deputy Director Tuttle said CAL FIRE was active with the Climate Action Team. They had met at staff level, and the communications were very good. Mr. Tuttle said the Department looked forward to having the support of the Board to get the science correct.

Member Ostrowski said the Policy Committee received monthly updates from the Department on carbon issues.

Member Walz asked if it would help to have a liaison to coordinate carbon Issues. Chairman Dixon said Member Nawi had been appointed as liaison at the Riverside Meeting along with Executive Officer Gentry. Chairman Dixon said he would like to see some aspect of the carbon issue on every agenda for an update.

11. STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST (JDSF) DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Russ Henly, Assistant Deputy Director, gave an overview on the status of the DEIR for Jackson Demonstration State Forest Draft Management Plan, and an update for Alternative G. A copy of Dr. Henly's PowerPoint presentation was contained in the Board Binder.

Director Grijalva thanked the Board for their work, he said the Board had made tremendous progress.

The Board will take additional public comment in Ukiah on June 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dave Turner, Vice Mayor of Fort Bragg, said the Fort Bragg City Council had not had an opportunity to review the June 1 EIR for the Draft JDSF Management Plan, but they would soon. Mr. Turner said the Fort Bragg City Council wished to communicate their strong recommendation that an emphasis was placed on the sustainable harvest of mature high quality Redwood in the 80-120 year, making sure that as measured per decade, the forest-wide inventory of Redwood stands 80-120 years old be gradually increased until the point was reached when a substantial continuous yield of that mature timber could be regularly harvested.

Mr. Jere Melo, Fort Bragg City Council Member but representing himself, said the City Council had a large mill site and they were interested in creating the Noyo Center for Science and Education. Mr. Melo said Alternative G had much to do with research and demonstration. The City Council would like to have the Board's program incorporated into their plan. Mr. Melo encouraged collaboration between the City of Fort Bragg and the State.

Mr. Tom Lisle, a Research Hydrologist for the USFS, PSW, spoke of having flexibility for design and research. Mr. Lisle said Caspar Creek had been highly valuable in educating and learning about forest practice issues. They are planning their third experiment at Caspar Creek. Mr. Lisle said they would like to use a range of treatments, and they are ready to start treatment on the South Fork. Mr. Lisle said the role of Advisory Committee should be to seek input from all groups to maintain the freedom to determine what treatments could be.

Mr. Garland Mason, Deputy Director, USFS, Pacific Southwest Forest Research Station, supported the proposal from CALFIRE to keep JDSF for the uses for which it was designed. Long-term access would be available. They support research and the proposal on the table.

Ms. Kathy Bailey, representing Sierra Club, said she believed the Board had come up with a workable formulation by redirecting the focus back to Jackson's fundamental research and

demonstration mission. Ms. Bailey said the goals articulated by the new Alternative G were outstanding, they provided clear direction on issues the Sierra Club thought were the key to a successful, ecological sensitive management at Jackson.

Mr. Vince Taylor, representing Dharma Cloud Foundation, said with one major exception, he felt the key points of compromise had been incorporated into Alternative G. Mr. Taylor said for Alternative G to be acceptable the fuzzy concept of providing for possible unspecified future research opportunities needed to be replaced with a more defined principle or process tied to a research plan where costs and benefits were capable of being evaluated and compared to those of alternative plans.

Mr. Mike Jani, representing Mendocino Redwood Company, said he appreciated the time staff had put into Alternative G. Mr. Jani asked the Board to give direction to staff to cooperate with the Mendocino Working Group during the comment period to develop language that would meet the need to make Jackson State Forest responsible to its research mission, while at the same time appropriately valuing the ecological and recreational values of the public forest.

Ms. Linda Perkins, representing Albion Watershed Organization, was concerned that the advisory committee groups would not assure that input would be heard. Ms. Perkins would like assurance about how the advisory committee will hear concerns.

Mr. Bill Keye, representing California Licensed Foresters Association, said CLFA had not a chance to review and these were not CLFA's final comments. Mr. Keye said the plan represented a paradigm shift of management on Jackson, and that was a good thing. Mr. Keye said CLFA was concerned about the harvest level.

Ms. Liz Keppeler, a member of the public living in the Noyo River Watershed who is also a hydrologist, said she generally supported Alternative G because it promoted the research role of JDSF while endeavoring to promote and maintain ecological processes and recreational opportunities. Ms. Keppeler said increased road maintenance and erosion control were needed to protect and improve the overall ecological health of the forest.

Mr. Richard Gienger said there should be just one advisory committee so a consensus could be reached. Mr. Gienger asked the Board to take Mike Jani and Vince Taylor's comments to heart.

Mr. Bill Heil, said he liked Alternative E and F best. Mr. Heil hoped that the money generated from JDSF would come back to JDSF. Mr. Heil wanted JDSF to remain a demonstration forest.

Ms. Arlene Moorehead, a resident of Mendocino, was concerned about target shooting at the abandoned rock quarry on Road 408. Ms. Moorehead said target shooting on the quarry jeopardized the safety of hikers and people at JDSF. Ms. Moorehead distributed photos of the quarry

Executive Officer Gentry said requests for copies of the DEIR were available from the Board Office in Sacramento and the cost was approximately \$30. Cd's of the DEIR were available through the

Board Office at no expense. Mr. Gentry said the Board would be taking public comment at the Ukiah Fairground on June 20, beginning at 0900. The written comment period will end on July 16.

Mr. Mark Jamison, Jackson Demonstration State Forest Manager, said they were aware of issues with target shooting. Mr. Jamison said they were trying to prevent vehicle access and clean up the site. He said that the area had been recognized as a problem, and they probably have authority to close it.

Chief Grijalva said CAL FIRE was increasing positions for law enforcement officers in this unit. Chief Grijalva asked Chief Counsel Chandler to find out what his authority was regarding shooting on JDSF.

12. REPORT OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES

Report of the Forest Practice Committee

Member Nawi, Chair of the Forest Practice Committee, said the Committee had an update and discussion on the Threatened or Impaired Watershed literature review. The Committee took action to approve a letter to be signed by the Chair requesting articles and contractors for scientific review. The letter will be finalized for Chairman Dixon's signature. Member Nawi said the FPC spent considerable time reviewing the Request for Proposal and discussing funding. The TAC doubts that all five tasks of the scientific review could be performed by a reputable, adequate contractor with a \$50,000 limit. Member Nawi asked that the Board to go on record strongly and publicly encouraging the Department for an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the literature review.

Member Bradshaw said it was premature for the Board to solicit for additional funds when they did not have a solid figure of what was needed.

Member Nawi said the TAC felt \$10,000 to \$15,000 was an appropriate amount.

06-07-FPC #1: Member Nawi moved that the Board formally with communications from the Chair go to the Department and express the view of the Board that in light of the importance of the process the Board had under taken with the T/I Rules, and in light of the comparatively small amount of money the Board was asking for, and in light of other money which the Board felt the Department could make available, that the Department make available up to \$15,000 in addition to the initial \$50,000 for the literature review. Member Nakamura seconded the motion. Member Bradshaw opposed. All other members were in favor.

Executive Officer Gentry said Chief Deputy Director Tuttle asked for the Board to be included in this round of budget change proposals. Executive Officer Gentry prepared a concept paper, which he submitted to the Department two weeks ago, which included a considerable amount of money for external consulting, but at this point it is still a concept paper not a BCP.

Chairman Dixon asked if someone from the Department could explain the BCP process.

Chief Deputy Director Crawford said the Department would prepare a BCP from General Fund allocation. Mr. Tuttle said General Fund dollars were extremely competitive and it would be up to the Department of Finance. Mr. Tuttle said CAL FIRE fully-supported the BCP.

Chairman Dixon said he fully supported the request and Member Bradshaw's concern, but he felt the Board should move forward, and alert the Department that this was a priority for the Board, based on the significance of what the TAC could do.

Member Nawi said the Committee had a discussion on the Fuel Hazard Reduction Emergency Notice, both legislation and regulation. The FPC heard from Regulations Coordinator Zimny about his and the Department's efforts with other stakeholders to work out suitable language for AB 1515, carried by Assemblyman La Malfa. Good progress had been made, the main issue was how to deal with replacing the "four foot flame length" issue which everyone agreed needed to be replaced. Member Nawi said the legislation would differentiate for areas within 500 feet of a legally permanent structure or in an area prioritized as a shaded fuel break in a community that had filed a Fire Protection Plan approved by the public fire agency. Regulations Coordinator Zimny will continue to work with stakeholders to come up with consensus language and will also develop regulations that he will bring back to the Committee.

Member Nawi said the RPC wished to bring before the Board an emergency regulation that the Board could act upon today with no notice because of the emergency nature, and adopt as an emergency regulation. Member Nawi said there was a CDF Fire Tower in Siskiyou County with obstructed vision, caused by trees on the land of a private landowner. The landowner said they did not have any immediate plans to harvest the trees, and did not wish to prepare a specific THP to do so. Concern was raised that this could pose a threat to public health and safety because the vision was obscured in a certain direction. Chief Hall had prepared language, and at the Committee's request had CDF contact the landowner for assurance that if the regulation passed it would be sufficient and the landowner would go out and remove the offending trees. The landowner confirmed that they would remove the trees. Member Nawi said what the Committee had now was a regulation that was specifically tailored to meet just the needs of that particular Fire Tower and that particular landowner, and the Committee was told by CDF that it would be in effect and the Board would have to adopt it for 180-days, at which time the Board could either re-effect it for an additional 90-days, or let it expire, or make it a permanent regulation. Member Nawi said the regulation was tailored to address a specific situation.

06-07-FPC 3 : Member Nawi moved to adopt the language as presented and directed staff to make the appropriate findings based on the evidence presented. Member Piirto seconded the motion.

Board Counsel Ashby said in order to adopt the regulation as an emergency regulation, there would have to be specific findings and the notice that goes out would have to include a written statement that contained information required by paragraphs 2-6 inclusive of subdivision A of 11346.5, which are all of the items the Department usually puts in there. Counsel Ashby said the Board must find and state specific facts supporting the need for immediate action.

Member Nawi said when he asked yesterday if they could pass the emergency regulation today, he was told yes. Member Nawi asked Executive Officer Gentry and Regulations Coordinator Zimny if the Board could proceed with that basis. Regulations Coordinator Zimny said his interpretation and information to the Committee yesterday was that they could adopt the regulation for emergency action. The findings were included in the regulation, and they submit the findings as part of the outline. Mr. Zimny said the findings would be incorporated into the regulation text, which describe the necessity such as fire emergency safety to make sure that a fire protection facility is adequately cleared of trees to support its purpose.

Member Nawi said he believed, based on what Counsel said, was that the Board needed to make a finding that immediate adoption of the regulation was necessary to address an emergency condition. Member Nawi said the adoption of this regulation on an emergency basis was necessary to address an immediate concern for public health and safety and specifically that concern was that the ability of the Fire Tower to adequately operate and the prevention of fire spotters would be impeded by a growth of trees, and those trees needed to be addressed. Member Nawi moved for adoption of the emergency regulation, based upon the foregoing findings.

Member Walz said he had a problem of making an emergency regulation for an individual site specific problem, and that it should be dealt with an exemption and it should go under a rule process. Member Walz felt it did not meet the requirements for an emergency rule.

Member Nawi said he had discussions with Mr. Duane Shintaku to the effect that the Department should evaluate every other way they could think of to address the issue, and the answer was that this was the only way that they could think of.

Mr. Dennis Hall, said the Department had a couple of issues that they had to deal with. Number 1, it was not the Department's land, and they cannot tell people to cut down their trees. Number 2, commercial operations fall under the Forest Practice Rules and they would have to have a permit. Number 3, the Board did not have the authority for an exemption. In order to get an exemption, they would have to have Legislative approval. Mr. Hall said the issue should be looked into further after the 180-days.

Member Bradshaw said this was a situation that over time would resurface. He supported CAL FIRE's need for lookouts. Member Bradshaw suggested the Board seek a long-term solution.

Member Giacomini wanted to be sure that the landowner was in agreement.

Mr. Hall said he had been in contact with the unit and the management company that represented the landowner and provided both of them copies of language which was before Board today. The unit said it would work for them, and the landowner said yes, they would proceed, that the provisions under the emergency rule would satisfy their needs, and they would move forward to remove the trees. Mr. Hall said the landowner would pay to remove the trees, like any other timber operation, and accrue value from the logs they get from the operation.

Member Nawi said the way the situation was presented to the Committee as a public safety issue, that they had no choice but to move forward with the emergency regulation.

Member Ostrowski said the Committee discussed the Emergency Exemption and felt there was agreement, but it was a bit awkward, but it was a short-term solution for fire season this year. Member Ostrowski felt it was necessary to have the emergency exemption.

Chairman Dixon called for a ROLL CALL vote.

Nawi	Aye	Bradshaw	Aye
Giacomini	Aye	Piirto	Aye
Ostrowski	Aye	Walz	No
Nakamura	Aye	Dixon	Aye

The motion carried 7-1.

Member Nawi said the Committee looked at a letter which the Executive Officer drafted to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding their informational document to address Public Scoping for Proposed Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy. There were four alternatives presented. The draft letter recommended alternative 2 which provided on state lands essentially identical protection. Member Nawi said the Committee agreed that in addition to those items in alternative 2, the Board should also indicate that the State Water Resources Control Board should look at specific items in their alternative 3 to the extent that those items would be consistent.

Member Nawi said Mr. Tom Spittler would make a presentation to the Board on the Road Rules Task Force.

Report of Policy Committee

Member Ostrowski, Chair of Policy Committee, reported that the Committee met yesterday with their full membership of four Board members and they had good participation from the public. Member Ostrowski said the Committee was proceeding with the development of an outline of a joint policy for Anadromous Salmonids for the Fish and Game Commission, which will be an ongoing priority.

The Committee had an update on the climate change work going on. Member Nawi attended a meeting with the Air Resources Board and Executive Officer Gentry and Department staff to go over those issues in relation to forestry. A big development that was beginning to unfold was the planning of a symposium for the role of forests in climate change. This would be a scientific symposium, probably two days in November or December, and the Air Resources Board and Department staff are working on the details. The intent was to bring forth the science that was out there on this issue for both the Board of Forestry and the Air Resources Board.

Chairman Ostrowski said the Committee discussed procedures for potential hearings on areas of Board interest. The Committee did work on the development of the Board's policies and work plans. One of the first areas of emphasis would be on governance section of the policy. In November the Policy Committee will look at having presentations and discussions of the recently passed rules as well as just overall reports from the Department on rule effectiveness, and also at

that time an opportunity for the public to present their ideas or concerns about the current state of the rules and where there may be room for improvement.

The Committee discussed the need for a research committee, as well as a report. Member Ostrowski said every two years the Board was required to submit a report to the legislature on the research needs of forestry in the state. Committee Member Piirto volunteered to head an effort to put together an outline and possibly suggestions toward the Research Advisory Committee. Member Ostrowski said the report was due by the end of the year.

Member Ostrowski said the other item the Committee discussed, which has been an ongoing issue, was to have a report on performance-based regulation proposal that had been discussed in the Policy Committee for the last two years some rules specifically geared to test to test that concept. Mr. Bill Key, CLFA, presented the Committee with some ideas and CLFA would like to pursue that issue again. Mr. Key, Mr. Ribar, and Mr. Hall have agreed to summarize what we currently have learned about the concept of how it might be applied in California, and where there might be significant barriers with the Board's environmental review process. Hopefully the Committee will have a written summary by the end of the year.

The Committee discussed indices for the Strategic Plan. They are still working on the indices, and it will probably be a subject for discussion for the rest of the year.

Member Ostrowski said the Committee also had a discussion on current legislation, and they were given reports on how some of the legislative bills are proceeding through the legislature. They also discussed the budget trailer language regarding salmonid protection.

Report of Management Committee

Member Piirto, Chair of the Management Committee met yesterday with Members Giacomini and Walz, and staff member Eric Huff in attendance. Member Piirto said they received an outstanding report from the Department on the Status of Demonstration State Forest Management Plans, CEQA and MSP Documents from Dr. Helge Eng. A copy of the report is contained in the Board Binder.

The Committee discussed the PTEIR Guidance Document, there are only three in existence. Some progress had been made on the document. Member Piirto said there was some reluctance to utilize the PTEIR process, and they hoped the Guidance Document would shed some light on the expectations for the PTEIR. Member Piirto said they had good input from the public at the Management Committee Meeting. The Management Committee decided they would wait for the Guidance Document to be developed and then send it to specific agencies to solicit their input as to their expectations as to what an acceptable PTEIR would be.

The next agenda item the Committee discussed was potential solicitation of landowners' perspectives on long-term management planning processes currently provided in the State Forest Practice Rules. Mr. Huff gave the Committee a list of concerns that have already been listed in documents he had available, he used the Buckeye Forest Management Plan, which had a number of concerns listed in it about NTMPs. The Committee decided that when the develop the Draft

Guidance Document, they would identify a selected list of stakeholders and circulate the document to the stakeholders with the idea that they would have a workshop at an upcoming Management Meeting, hoping they would get some buy-in once they get the right Guidance Document in place for folks to develop PTEIRs. It was suggested that they demonstrate how a PTEIR would work on a state forest, and go forward with the development of the PTEIR in that context.

The Management Committee discussed NetMap. Member Piirto said it was a great tool, but the Committee felt they would like more information before they could make a recommendation for Board action. The Committee has asked FRAP, what the actual data base that would be required to get a large, holistic view, a more common view for planning with reference to GIS. What were the different types of modeling tools out there? Member Piirto said after that review and evaluation the Board could make a more informed judgment on what is the right direction to take.

Member Piirto said the Committee had been given the Governance Document to review before the July meeting. The last agenda item the Committee discussed were agenda topics for the July meeting. The topics will be looking at the NTMP Non-Industrial document, Governance Work Plan, and FRAP GIS Coordination.

Report of Resource Protection Committee

Member Giacomini, Chair of the Resource Protection Committee, said the Committee met yesterday and they continued work on the Fire Plan. The Committee would like to prioritize their work. In August, the Committee will review the Red Book and Blue Book.

Chair Giacomini said the General Plan Safety Element Reviews remain a continual challenge for staff. There were six General Plans that the Committee did not discuss because the Plans had not been reviewed. Regulations Coordinator Zimny composed a General Plan Safety Element analysis and Recommendations Checklist for reviewing General Plans. The completed checklist and recommendations are then sent to the city preparing the General Plan.

The Committee had a discussion on the VTP Process/Framework for Policy Review, it will go to the Subcommittee for review and comments. The RPC received an update on the VTP EIR

13. REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR

Regulations Coordinator Zimny reported that the July Board Meeting would be a regulatory hearing for T/I Extension, 2007; RMP, 2006; and Coho ITP Assistance, 2007. A public hearing will be held on June 20 in Ukiah for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. A public hearing will be held June 22 in Sacramento for the Coho Incidental Take Permit. Regulations for the Lookout Tower Emergency will be filed.

14. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER -- DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TREES FOR AIR ATTACK 410.

Executive Officer Gentry said he was working on the potential adoption of a resolution for two memorial trees for Air Attack 410. This was in the Board's binder. Director Grijalva has designated two trees on State Forest Lands. The resolution should be approved for presentation next year.

Mr. Kevin O'Meara, CDF Firefighters said there was a memorial at the State Capitol that honors fallen fighters. Mr. O'Meara said there was also a memorial in Lone honoring firefighters lost in the line-of-duty.

06-07-14: Member Nawi made a motion to approve the Memorial Trees for Air Attack 410. Member Piirto seconded motion. All were in favor.

Executive Officer Gentry attended a conference on CEQA and Climate last month.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Michelle Passero, representing the Pacific Forest Trust, said she was encouraged by the discussions on Forest Climate.

Mr. Richard Gienger reported that Mr. Ken Stromsmo, a forest activist, died last week and asked if the Board could draft something for next months meeting. Mr. Gienger said Tuesday's field trip was excellent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dixon adjourned the June 7, 2007 meeting of the Board of Forestry.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.